SUMMARY OF SUBJECTS ACTED ON AT THE MAY 13, 2019 REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Members present:
    Hugh Steele
    Kelly Robinson

Members Absent:
    Dustin Thompson

Motion passed to approve the Minutes from the April 8, 2019 Regular Board meeting as written.

Motion passed to remove the challenged deceased voters from the electors list.
NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION
DATE: MAY 13, 2019

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hugh Steele called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Members present were Chairman Hugh Steele, Kelly Robinson, and Angela Mantle, Director. Member Dustin Thompson was absent from meeting.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Robinson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2019 Regular meeting as written. Chairman Steele seconded the motion and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Robinson wanted to clarify her thought process for providing Sunday voting in Newton County. Ms. Robinson stated that offering voting on a Sunday would give voters that work second shift or could not come during the other times or may not have transportation another opportunity to vote. Ms. Robinson said that she had researched the demographics and the poverty levels in Newton County and found that a lot fall into this category in the county. Ms. Robinson would like to try to accommodate as many voters as possible. Chairman Steele stated that he understood and would like the entire Board to make a decision on this matter and asked if this matter could be discussed at the next meeting. Ms. Robinson said that the matter could be tabled until the next meeting.

Chairman Steele wanted to revisit the issue with the Livingston Precinct and look at a way to move voters to other precincts since another facility within the precinct boundaries is not currently available. Ms. Mantle said that she would look into the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Mantle provided the Board with an updated list of challenged deceased voters. Ms. Mantle explained to the Board the changes with the felon process and the reason for no challenged felon voters. Chairman Steele made a motion to remove the challenged deceased voters from the electors list. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.
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SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

The Board was provided with a copy of the monthly status report showing the number of Active and Inactive voters as of May 1, 2019: Active – 73,360 and Inactive – 4,335.

The Board was also provided with a copy of a monthly report showing the breakdown of 2,186 voter registration applications received for the month of April 2019. The office processed 478 transferred out-of-county voters and 93 cancellations.

The Board was provided with a copy of the budget comparison statement as of May 1, 2019.

Ms. Mantle explained to the board that the National Change of Address process would begin next month and provided the Board information regarding the changes with this process due to the passage of HB316. Ms. Mantle advised the Board that approximately 2,462 Out of County notices and 1,494 Within County notices would be mailed once the State gave the go ahead.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Steele asked if anyone had any other business to discuss before adjourning the meeting and made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by: Angela Mantle, Director

Minutes Approved By

June 15, 2017
Date